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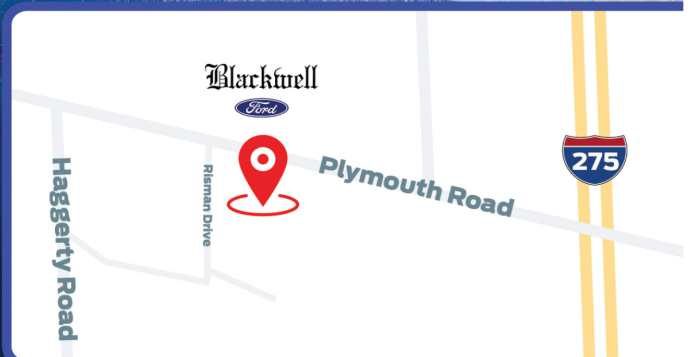
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A community tradition

41st Ice Festival provides family-friendly fun

Organizers of the 41st Plymouth Ice Festival are looking at both the history and the future of the event this year.

James Gietzen, owner of JAG Entertainment who produces the event, said that while there are some new features at the festival this year, the event has retained the small-town atmosphere that has attracted crowds during the decades.

Geitzen said, however, that plans to increase the size of the festival and add several new and unique attractions next year are already in the early stages. He said organizers plan to preserve the small-town feeling of the event, “but we are re-imagining some things,” he said.

While the effects of the pandemic are still being felt and the huge ice

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sculptures which formerly filled Kellogg Park are somewhat smaller in size, Gietzen said that community support and enjoyment of the event has not been impacted.

“The festival is designed to bring people out of their homes during the winter months,” Gietzen said. “It’s a

family-friendly, community oriented event that brings people out into the fresh air and provides something fun to enjoy during the winter months. That isn’t anything we want to change,” he added.

Geitzen said Plymouth, with Kellogg Park in the near center of town, is the perfect setting for the Ice Festival and the other community events in the city during the year. “It’s just an ideal example of hometown America,” he said, “and the people who live here appreciate what a treasure it is.”

This year, like last year, will see smaller sculptures, but more of them throughout downtown and in front of nearly every business. Gietzen said dis-

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tributing the sculptures throughout the downtown really offers audiences a chance to see the art of the sculptors without the crush of crowds. He noted that people can enjoy the ice works at their own pace which can be a real advantage to families with younger children.

The weather, of course, is always the largest element of the event. If it is too cold, families hesitate to come out. If it is too warm or rains, the sculptures melt. Gietzen said, however, that when it got unseasonably warm one year, crowds didn't seem to diminish much. He said that families come for the atmosphere and to have something to do together outside.



This year, the traditional attractions will fill the streets, including the exceptionally popular petting farm which draws huge crowds, Gietzen said. One added feature is the addition of two

more warming stations.

"The Hot Spot near the Gathering sponsored by Ehlers will be open during the event," Gietzen said, "and there will be food vendors, drinks, face paint-

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ing and bathrooms available there.” This year, two more warming stations have been added. One at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) on Main Street across from the library. Gietzen said that a hallway in the former school building will feature an art exhibit people can enjoy while getting out of the cold. “United Way will also be

open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday with hot beverages and snacks,” Gietzen said. United Way is located at 960 Ann Arbor Trail.

A new attraction this year is the expected food truck, Nom Nom Ninja, which has a large following and is considered one of the best food trucks in Metro Detroit, Gietzen said.

Of course the Rotary Bingo game will return and the Party Tent which attracts a huge crowd will again be open in the parking lot behind E.G. Nick's on Forest Street.

“This is just a real community event, designed for families, but with attractions for everyone. Our only concern, as always, is the weather.”

Civic groups benefit from festival parking fees

During the Plymouth Ice Festival this year, most downtown parking lots will be charging for parking during the main event hours Feb. 3-5. Local service clubs will be collecting \$10 for parking in

most municipal lots, with funds going to community projects and initiatives.

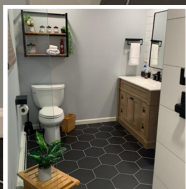
Main Ice Festival hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday. Sculptures are expected to remain for viewing after the main event hours, weather permitting.

For more information on the Plymouth Ice Festival visit www.plymouthicefestival.com.

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Disney phenomenon to be shown at historic Penn

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The Disney phenomenon FROZEN will be the featured movie during the weekend and for \$5 Queen Elsa and her sister, Anna, will transport viewers into their magical frozen world.

"This movie was always sold out when we last showed it," noted Executive Director of the Friends of the Penn Ellen Elliot. "People love Disney movies and this fits right in



with the Ice Festival."

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profit organization which Elliot leads. The theater, located on Penniman Street across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, has become a community tradition and was saved from demolition by the Friends group which raised funds to save and renovate the historic building.

The Penn has stood the test of time, surviving the advent of “a television in every living room” and the appearance of movies in VHS, DVD, and streaming formats. The 402-seat theater changed ownership several times and was closed in 2003, “for remodeling.”

In February 2005, Friends of the Penn was organized by a group of local residents concerned about the future of the historic theater. The \$1.2 million purchase price proved insur-



mountable for the group until December 2005 when a group of 10 local businessmen formed Penn Theatre Realty, LLC and purchased

the building. With help from The Wilcox Foundation the theater reopened in September of 2006. Since then, Elliot said, more than 720,000 patrons have viewed films at the Penn, which is considered a historic treasure in the community.

Elliot said she is confident that there will be a strong audience for FROZEN, which is based on a beloved Hans Christian Andersen tale. The movie is the highest grossing animated film of all time, and appeals to all ages.

“People really enjoy the movie. I’m confident there will be a strong audience during the festival,” Elliott said.

Audiences can enjoy Frozen at 7 p.m. on Saturday and at 5 p.m. Sunday during the Ice Festival. Tickets are priced at \$5.



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Merchants again participating in festival game

Visitors can add one more reason to the long list of attractions at the 41st Plymouth Ice Festival this year: Money.

Returning to the event this year is Ice Festival Bingo sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Visitors simply need to collect a sticker at each of the participating businesses, add it to the Bingo card and email a photo of the entry to bingo@plymouthmi.gov before noon Feb. 7.

Entries which have filled a vertical, horizontal or diagonal line on the Bingo card will be entered into a random drawing for one of 20 Bingo prizes

*Bingo cards
are available at
locations throughout
downtown Plymouth.*

of \$50 along with the grand prize of more than \$200. The grand prize will be drawn from cards which contain all

the merchant stickers, organizers said.

Winners will be notified by email the week of Feb. 13, just in time for Valentines Day.

The empty Bingo cards are available at locations throughout downtown Plymouth and are posted on the Rotary and Downtown Development Authority websites. Click on the image of the Bingo card for a printable entry form.

All of the participating businesses will not be open during the entirety of the Plymouth Ice Festival. Players should confirm the hours of operation

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during the festival if seeking a sticker from a particular location. Contest locations have been instructed to leave contest stickers outside of their doorways if they are closed during the event.

Email addresses gathered in this contest will be used to promote other contests and programs organized by the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Those wishing to opt out of future emails can do so on the entry submission. There is no purchase necessary to participate in the Bingo game.

Participating businesses include: Sun & Snow; Basket Kreations; Radiant Fine Jewelry; Wild Rose Boutique; Little Black Heart; Tacari Salon; Harris Conservatory of Music; Three Dog Bakery; Kilwins; Spa Agio; Opndohr; Synergy Dance; State of Comics; Keller Williams; Frame Works; Penn Theatre; Community Financial Credit Union; Gigi's Mode; Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; Kumon Math and Reading Center of Plymouth and Vida Voyager.

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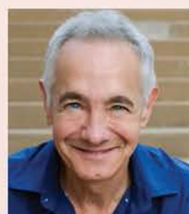
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ICE CARVINGS

Enjoy sidewalks lined with ice carvings throughout downtown Plymouth. Each work of art starts out as a 350 pound block of ice which world famous ice carvers have sculpted into more than 60 unique artworks on display in Kellogg Park and throughout downtown Plymouth.

ICE FESTIVAL BINGO

Presented by the Rotary Club Of Plymouth.

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ICE THRONE

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For years, this unique ice carving has been the perfect setting for family and fun photographs. Festival guests will feel like "Ice Festival Royalty" as they take a seat atop the Ice Throne. This activity has been a tradition for many families, as they return for that picture every year.

Family Petting Zoo

Presented by Michigan First Credit Union

Located next to the Ice Playground, Carousel Acres will be offering a hands on experience with horses, donkeys, goats, sheep, an alpaca

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and even a baby calf. This activity is great for animal lovers of all ages. This year, the Petting Farm will also feature pony rides. The Petting Zoo will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Movie at the Penn Theatre

The historic Penn Theatre will show the Walt Disney phenomenon, "FROZEN" at 7 p.m. Friday and at 5 p.m. Sunday during the Ice Festival. Tickets for the family-friendly highest-earning animated film classic of all time are \$5.

Party Lot and Ice Bar located at EG. Nicks - Hours of operation/Nightly Entertainment

The Ice Bar presented by Pink Whitney is open all three days of the Festival.

The Party Tent, located behind E.G. Nick's restaurant at 500 Forest Avenue will open at 7 p.m and the live entertainment usually begins at 8 and continues until 11.

Performing on Friday, Feb. 3 is Atomic Radio, considered the ultimate 'Party Band.'

Saturday, Feb. 4, the popular Power Play Detroit band will entertain crowds in the heated tent.

There is a \$5 cover charge which is donated to the local Vietnam Veterans group.

Warming station

Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail Suite 2 will provide hot beverages and snacks from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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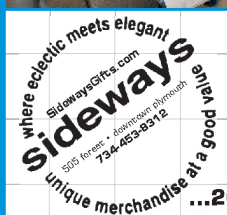
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Ride on Petting Farm includes special pony rides this year

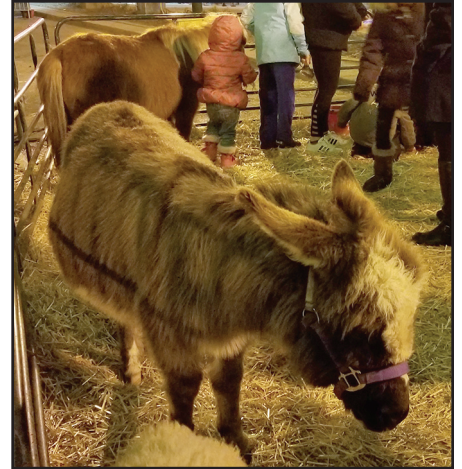
The special celebrity guests at the Plymouth Ice Festival this year will not be signing autographs, although a little nuzzle or quick kiss isn't out of the question.

Again this year, Carousel Acres will bring a group of animals to the festival in a small petting zoo designed to entertain crowds with a hands-on, or paws on, experience. The animals, all domesticated and dedicated crowd pleasers, will be transported to the festival from their South Lyon farm home by members of the Iacobelli family who have been providing a bit of

nature into city events for more than 25 years.

The animals that Carousel Acres owner Tammy Iacobelli selects to bring to each of the multiple community events each year are all raised on the family farm and seem to enjoy the attention of the crowds of children, and adults, who visit them during the events. The animals are all accustomed to being touched and petted, she said. Iacobelli added that the animals even seem to know when they are

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going to an event and are eager to get into the truck transporting them to their next celebrity appearance.

As always, the weather and outdoor temperature will determine which animals Iacobelli selects to entertain crowds during the festival. If it is too cold, she said, there are some animals who she won't bring while others really flourish in the weather.

"These are all animals we have raised here on the farm, so we understand their temperaments and natures. We won't take a chance with them getting sick or chilled," Iacobelli said.

This year, an added attraction will be pony rides at the petting zoo which will allow children to take a short spin on one of the specially trained and



domestic ponies from Carousel Acres. The animals, Iacobelli stressed, are all used to being ridden by children and

are well mannered.

The staff, most of whom are family members, enjoy the festivals and other appearances almost as much as the crowds, Iacobelli said. Because the event is so popular and children enjoy it so much, it is a pleasure for the staff, she said. There will be several staff members on hand while the petting zoo is open, she added.

This year, along with the troupe of ponies, Iacobelli is tentatively planning on bringing a miniature horse, a donkey, some goats, a sheep or two, an alpaca and even a baby calf along with some ducks and bunnies "depending on the weather."

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While the 41st Annual Plymouth Ice Festival will bring visitors from throughout the area into the city to enjoy the spectacular work of the sculptors who create the unique ice carvings, there are other "warmer" attractions throughout the community set to welcome the crowds during the festival and during the year.

Plymouth has earned a reputation as a "destination" spot for lunch or dinner, or an evening of unique entertainment. Everything from American classics with a twist to Freaky Fresh sandwiches and a nighttime trip to the roaring 20s, Plymouth offers the very best of the best.

Here are a few of our favorites.



E.G. Nick's
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While it remains the "hottest" place to be during the Ice Festival, E.G. Nick's is also one of the most popular places for lunch and dinner all year long.

The restaurant remains an area favorite and offers a wide variety of American recipes along with an eclectic selection of favorites on the menu. In addition to the great food and unique specialty cocktails, E.G. Nick's has a huge and varied wine selection along with a large selection of craft beers. The real attraction at E.G. Nick's is, of course, the menu which includes

proven favorites which bring regulars back again and again along with the popular "specials" that often are offered on the lunch and dinner menu.

This year the restaurant will bring back the popular Super Bowl Party which was a favorite pre-COVID event in the community. The restaurant offers the game on several TVs along with two huge screens erected for the game and the Rihanna half-time show this year. There are games, drawings and multiple giveaways from various sports and liquor and beer distributors along with huge buffet tables filled with special treats from E.G. Nick's kitchen. A betting pool on the scores and the winning team is also usually available.

"It really is fun and people enjoy it," said Frank Agostini, who hosts the event. "We're bringing it back because so many people asked about it. People have a great time."

Tickets this year are \$55 per person and cover the cost of the buffet and some special cocktails. For tickets, or reservations, for the Feb. 12 event, call the restaurant at the number above.

The Ebenezer
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The Ebenezer is the first and only speakeasy in Plymouth and one of the few in the Metro Detroit area. Hidden in plain view off Fleet Street and nestled in the basement of the former First National Bank of Plymouth (now occupied by Greek Islands Eatery), the name reflects Ebenezer J. Penniman,



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the first president of the bank in 1871. While the tellers, loan officers, and deposit slips are long gone, the former vault still exists as the private tasting room, equipped with lockers for members and an ambiance reminiscent of the roaring 1920s when flappers danced the Charleston and bootleggers provided the liquor.

The Ebenezer features cocktails, wine, craft beer and a small menu of shareable plates including charcuterie, shrimp cocktail and parmesan truffle fries.

It may be difficult to find, but well worth the effort.

The Ebenezer is open from 4 p.m. until midnight Tuesday through Thursday and 4 p.m. until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Hermann's Olde Town Grille
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If there is a home town bar in old village in Plymouth, it must be Hermann's "where everybody knows your name." The huge drooling moose on the exterior of the building is a hint to the eclectic collection of souvenirs, antiques and just plain fun memorabilia that decorates the interior of the establishment.

With a full bar with a wide selection of beers, Hermann's is also known for the exceptional food, with specials nearly every day. From the OT Burger to the special sandwiches, the food is always fresh and the varied menu attractive to locals and visitors.



There is almost always a crowd at Hermann's, but there is always room to join the good time, familiar and friendly atmosphere the second-generation owners continue to cultivate.

It's always fun at Hermann's.

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Jimmy John's
770 Penniman Ave.
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Jimmy John's make Freaky Fast sandwiches using only the freshest ingredients.

Staff members bake fresh bread for the unique sandwich combinations all day, so the bread is always served less than four hours out of the oven. Jimmy John's uses all-natural meats, which are freshly sliced to perfection daily for the maximum flavor.

Vegetables for sandwiches are always locally purchased and delivered fresh every morning and hand sliced daily at the restaurant.



The staff members spend 6 hours prepping every day to create a sandwich in just 30 seconds. Order online at JimmyJohns.com. and see the difference.

Karl's Cabin
6005 Gotfredson Road
Plymouth
(734) 455-8450

Built in the 1940s, Karl's Cabin is truly a Michigan Made log cabin road-house restaurant, bar and grill. Located just minutes west of downtown Plymouth and just east of Ann Arbor, the restaurant is a very popular favorite of patrons from throughout the area.

Guests can enjoy rustic charm, friendly service and a large menu including hand-cut grilled steaks, fresh seafood, fresh pasta, big salads, burgers, artisan sandwiches and daily chef-created features. Slow roasted prime rib is usually on the menu for Friday and Saturday dinner.



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Welcome to Herman's Olde Town Grille. Nick Hermann opened the OTG in September 2003. Since then, Nick and his family have worked to create a neighborhood bar and grill that the people of Plymouth can enjoy. Hermann's goal is to provide good food, good service, a friendly atmosphere and good times for their customers.

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The chef shops locally whenever possible and often brings organic and natural foods for a substantial gluten free menu, along with vegetarian options. Karl's offers 20 Michigan craft beers on draft, including Bell's Founders and Short's. The extensive

wine list includes 60 wines to choose and more than 20 available by the glass.

Reservations are recommended.

Leo's Coney Island
41496 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth
(734) 416-8200

The family recipe for the famous Greek salad dressing along with the chili and other great homemade items has been the backbone of success for Leo's Coney Island. The Stassinopoulos brothers, Leo and Pete, have built a reputation for quality food and service.

Leo's Coney Island has evolved from a limited menu offering the basics of Coney Island, fries, burgers and Greek salads to a wide menu.



Selections include a full line of items or the entire family including Greek specialties, breakfast and children's menu.

Leo's is open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday and 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday.

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It's party time

Tent entertainment provides funding for Vietnam veterans

Every year, the Party Tent during the Plymouth Ice Festival hosts some very special guests, although most audiences at the event have no idea who these heroes are.

The men who greet guests, check ages and attach wristbands at the entrance to the huge Party Tent during the festival are members of Chapter 528 of the Plymouth Canton Vietnam Veterans of America. They cheerfully greet guests who are probably unaware that the guy checking their identification put his life in unrelenting jeopardy every day during his military service decades ago.

"These guys do so much good in the community and help so many people," said Frank Agostini of E.G. Nick's which hosts the huge Party Tent in the rear parking lot of the restaurant on Forest Street. "Many younger people have no idea these guys at the entrance are heroes or what they did," he said. The restaurant hosts the tent which features popular live entertainment on both Friday and Saturday night as a benefit for the Vietnam veterans. The \$5 cover charge collected at the door goes directly to the veterans' group and is used to help provide services and financial help to those veterans who survived the war and their families.

"We have a great time and this year we have two great bands," Agostini said. "Atomic Radio is here on Friday and this group is really developing a big following. They are really popular. On Saturday, we've brought back Power Play Detroit, which is one of the most popular bands we've had at the festivals. They've been voted the most popular band by WDIV three times."

Agostini said the crowds usually fill the huge tent to the 1,200 person capac-



Power Play Detroit

ity both nights and there is no doubt people have a great time.

"It really is a party for the crowds, our staff, the bands, everybody has a great time. It is just a lot of fun and a great atmosphere," he said.

The huge tent is heated and comfortable and beer and wine service from the restaurant is available. Specialty drinks from the full-service bar inside E.G. Nick's are available, too, Agostini added, although most of the crowd sticks to beer and wine from the convenient bar inside the tent.

Agostini said everyone involved with the Party Tent is proud that there has never been any problem or misbehavior at the event. "Everyone is here to have a good time, talk to friends, enjoy the music," he said. "Obviously, we are still safety conscious, but we've never really had a problem," he said.

Agostini added that the business takes pride in the help the Party Tent provides to the Vietnam veterans. He said the event has become one of, if not the, major fundraiser for the group and helps them pay for services some veterans or surviving families, could not afford. "They do so much good in the community, we enjoy being able to help them while giving people a great time," Agostini said. "It's great for the vets and great for the community."

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 of Plymouth Canton is nationally chartered and is dedicated to promoting and supporting a full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans and their families. They meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Plymouth Mayflower VFW Hall at 1426 Mill St. Meetings are open to all veterans and the public.



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